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**OPPOSITION TO LYFT, INC.'S MOTION TO  
DISMISS PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT**

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

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1 Plaintiff Enovsys LLC (“Enovsys”) submits this response in opposition to Defendant Lyft,  
2 Inc.’s (“Lyft’s”) Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff’s Complaint (Dkt. 24) (“Mot.”).

### 3 I. INTRODUCTION

4 Lyft incorrectly contends that Enovsys has not properly pleaded direct infringement against  
5 Lyft. Enovsys shows below that the allegations of the Complaint map the limitations of the  
6 asserted claims to actions attributable to Lyft. Furthermore, the allegations of the Complaint go  
7 far beyond a mere recitation that the claim language has been performed by Lyft, and adequately  
8 give notice of specific acts and systems giving rise to a plausible claim of infringement by Lyft.  
9 These grounds for Lyft’s Motion should be rejected.

10 Lyft also contends that, based upon 35 U.S.C. § 101, all the claims of the three patents-in-  
11 suit are patent ineligible because they are each directed to an abstract idea, and none involve any  
12 “inventive concept.” Lyft further asserts that a single claim, claim 15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,756,918  
13 (“’918 patent”) is representative of every claim of all three patents and therefore no independent  
14 analysis of each claim was necessary. These grounds for Lyft’s Motion should also be rejected  
15 because neither proposition is correct.

16 The patents-in-suit recognized that wireless communication networks would soon support  
17 the ability for third parties to request a geographic location of a mobile device and sought to  
18 leverage that ability with novel systems and methods employing several improvements to  
19 conventional communication network architecture to solve problems specific to wireless network  
20 that included such an ability. These solutions involve efficiently processing requests from a mobile  
21 device for the locations of other mobile devices and to make proximity and tracking determinations  
22 between two mobile devices in the network using geographic, time, distance and velocity  
23 parameters. The patents-in-suit recognize that location enabled networks can easily become  
24 overloaded with making such types of determinations, and disclose systems and methods to reduce  
25 the amount of processing needed to make these determinations.

26 The Asserted Claims provide technical solutions to technical problems unique to wireless  
27 networks that are attempting to make such determinations and provide the network with a novel  
28 ability to discover that one device is potentially tracking another by analyzing the various

parameters. Accordingly, the Court should deny Lyft’s Motion and hold that the Complaint adequately pleads a plausible claim of infringement by Lyft, and also that the asserted claims are directed at patent-eligible subject matter in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 101 that involve more than well-understood, routine, and conventional activities.

## II. BACKGROUND

### A. The Patents-in-Suit Are Directed to Systems and Methods that Improve the Efficiency of Location Tracking in Wireless Networks

Enovsys asserts three of its patents in the complaint against Lyft: U.S. Patent Nos. 6,441,752 (“’752 patent”) and 7,199,726 (“’726 patent”), and the aforementioned ’918 patent (collectively, “patents-in-suit”). Each patent is titled “Method and Apparatus for Locating Mobile Units Tracking Another or Within a Prescribed Geographic Boundary.” (Complaint, Exs. A-C.) The improvements of the patents-in-suit, in view of the anticipated deployment of location based services technology within the telecommunication industry, included new communication network architecture and algorithms to (a) request or receive the geographic location of a mobile device in its network at intervals for a period of time; (b) receive and fulfill requests from third-party requestors for the locations of other mobile device within specified geographic areas; and (c) make proximity or tracking determinations between two mobile devices in the network using geographic, time, distance and velocity parameters to filter the reported locations used in making such determinations, including employing sub-regions and exclusion regions.<sup>1</sup> The specification

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<sup>1</sup> Even the ability to request the location of a wireless mobile device was not generally available to the public at the time of the inventions. *See*, Exhibit A, Declaration of Joseph C. McAlexander III, Doc. 38-2, Civil Action No. 2:21-cv-00368-JRG, ¶10 fn 1 (discussing the FCC’s 1996 mandate giving wireless carriers until 2001 to implement a system that could report the location of mobile devices to third parties in an emergency scenario). To meet that mandate, 12 of the largest wireless carriers formed the Location Interoperability Forum in 2000 to formulate standards to request the location of a portable mobile device within a carrier’s network that could be implemented within the industry.

*See* <https://www.openmobilealliance.org/tech/affiliates/lif/boilerplate.pdf>.

1 recognizes that information about these parameters can reveal information about potential tracking  
2 and discloses ways to use it. The specification also anticipates problems and provides specific  
3 solutions for telecommunication systems that obtain the location of millions of mobile devices  
4 from third parties and further discusses (i) safety and technical issues after such a system is  
5 deployed and (ii) the technical advantages of an improved telecommunication system and methods  
6 that satisfy requests for the location of a specific mobile device in a way that does not overload the  
7 system as would happen if the entire unfiltered scope of mobile devices were processed.

8 As the patents-in-suit recognize, the “wireless industry is currently gearing towards the  
9 provision of a wide range of location-based services to the general public” and “such services will  
10 include utilizing the location of a subscriber’s portable remote unit to channel a wide range of  
11 location-based services to the subscriber.” (’918 patent at 1:17-21.)<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the patents-in-  
12 suit disclose a need to use such an improved system not only for safety reasons but to prevent  
13 network overloading and power consumption of location enabled devices. *See, e.g.*, ’918 patent,  
14 2:49-58; 3:50-57; 6:48-58 (describing the method at 5:49-6:47 and Fig. 5); 7:22-29; 11:9-25.

15 The specification also describes other processing techniques in determining whether one  
16 portable unit in the network is maintaining proximity to another “only after both units have traveled  
17 a certain distance over a pre-specified period of time with the tracking unit maintaining proximity  
18 to the source during that period” and that “such distances and elapsed times could be set as a  
19 standard by the industry to clearly define tracking.” (*Id.*, 2:42-49.) The specification also  
20 discusses the technical benefits of using geographic boundaries and exclusion regions in a system  
21 that seeks to fulfill location requests in targeted geographic boundaries within such a  
22 telecommunication system to improve network efficiency. (*See, e.g.*, ’918 patent, 10:2-20.) The  
23 specification describes specific methods to determine which geographic boundary a specific  
24 mobile device was actually located in order to ameliorate overloading and conserve storage space.  
25 (*See, e.g.*, ’918 patent, 6:48-64, 11:7-31 & Figs. 1 and 3.)

26 Thus, the disclosed improved communication networks and system are designed to

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<sup>2</sup> All patent specification citations herein are to the ’918 patent.



1 overcome certain technical and safety (*i.e.*, clandestine devices hidden out of plain view to track a  
 2 user) pitfalls in networks of deployed location enabled devices. (*See* '918 patent, Abstract, 1:66-  
 3 2:16, 5:17-7:64.)

4 **B. The Patents Claim Disparate Techniques for Reducing Network Processing In**  
 5 **Making Tracking and Proximity Determinations<sup>3</sup>**

6 **1. The '918 Patent Claims (Exemplary)<sup>4</sup>**

7 Claim 1 of the '918 patent recites “[a] communication system” comprising “means to  
 8 obtain the location of the portable remote unit.” It also requires “**means to obtain geographic**  
 9 **boundary information in order to disclose a global location at the network**” and “means to  
 10 provide the location of the portable mobile remote unit to the network **upon determination that**  
 11 **the portable mobile remote unit is within the geographic boundary obtained at the network.**”  
 12 These geographic and location parameters are an embodiment of the technique to limit burden on  
 13 the network by reducing the scope of data being analyzed. Finally, claim 1 requires “means to  
 14 **determine and report to the system upon request that, another mobile remote unit of the**  
 15 **network has tracked the portable mobile remote over a period of time.**”<sup>5</sup> This limitation is  
 16 directed to using a minimum time as a filter in computing correlations between device locations in  
 17 order to determine that one is tracking another. This prevents the system from wasting resources  
 18 on further processing or reporting false positives.

19 Claim 2 adds that the portable remote unit of claim 1 have “means to further determine if  
 20 **location disclosure for the remote unit is prohibited at a specific geographic boundary before**  
 21 **sending its location to the network.**” Claim 3 adds that the portable remote unit of claim 1 “have  
 22 means to **establish its velocity at the network and having means to further determine that, its**  
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24 <sup>3</sup> Exhibit B shows various exemplary asserted and non-asserted claims of this patent.

25 <sup>4</sup> Claim 1 is only exemplary of other claims in the '918 patent. Enovsys disputes that claim 15 of  
 26 the '918 patent is representative of all claims in all of the patents-in-suit.

27 <sup>5</sup> Even in the absence of Lyft’s claim construction proposals for such terms, the differences  
 28 between the claims are material to the step one and step two analysis and no one claim should be  
 treated as representative of the others during that part of the analysis.

1 **velocity is within the network's prescribed velocity before divulging its location to the**  
 2 **network.”**<sup>6</sup> These claims capture embodiments that factor in additional parameters to reduce  
 3 system overload by only processing location information in defined circumstances.

4 Asserted Claim 4 similarly captures the use of “geographic boundary information  
 5 describing the geographic region where the location of portable mobile remote units are required  
 6 by the wireless consumer” to limit the scope of data processed. It further requires “means to  
 7 **request that all portable remote units within said geographic boundary** (i) establish their  
 8 location at the network,” but limits that by including “**means to verify at a portable remote unit**  
 9 **if the portable remote unit is within said geographic boundary** of said request (ii) **before**  
 10 **establishing the location of the portable remote unit at the network.”** Thus, not only does this  
 11 system have a mechanism in which to request all portable units within a specified area provide  
 12 their location but also devices outside the boundary do not unnecessarily report, which conserves  
 13 resources by minimizing data processing.

14 Claim 6 adds “means to split wider geographic boundaries defined by a wireless consumer  
 15 into sub regions and further means to recursively request for the location of portable mobile remote  
 16 units within each subregion until a portable mobile remote unit responds with location  
 17 information.” This is directed to a disclosed embodiment of querying smaller regions first, then  
 18 expanding them, again to conserve resources to reduce data processing.

19 Claim 15 of the '918 patent is clearly not representative even of other asserted claims of  
 20 this patent, much less of all its claims. A chart highlighting the significant differences in methods  
 21 and structures between the various and disparate representative claims of the patents-in-suit is  
 22 attached as Exhibit B.

## 23 **2. The '752 Patent Claims (Exemplary)**

24 Asserted claim 1 of the '752 patent is also directed to the efficient methods discussed

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 26 <sup>6</sup> Claim 3 is not asserted claims but Lyft seeks dismissal of the Complaint because it asserts all  
 27 claims of each of the patents-in-suit are invalid under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Envosys will not address  
 28 every claim, but just a sampling to show the various and disparate systems and methods claimed  
 therein.

1 above. Claim 1’s requirements of “obtaining the location of the wireless consumer at intervals over  
 2 a period of time” and requesting location information “at each interval” from “all mobile remote  
 3 units within close proximity of the wireless consumer” is directed to the conservation of resources  
 4 by focusing on mobile remote units reporting locations in a certain geographic region. The  
 5 requirement of “maintaining a list of mobile remote units that provided their location at each  
 6 interval” and “forwarding the location of at least a mobile remote unit to the mobile consumer  
 7 **upon determination that the remote unit maintained close proximity** to the mobile consumer  
 8 over the period of time” is directed to conserving resources by determining which units on the list  
 9 maintained close proximity to the mobile consumer. Claim 3’s “estimating at the remote unit if  
 10 the current location of the remote unit is within the geographic boundary obtained at the network”  
 11 is also directed to the conservation of resources by focusing on the reported locations in a certain  
 12 region.

13 Claim 4 recites the limitation of “exclusion region information” that is used to limit  
 14 location reporting only to devices outside the exclusion region, which conserves resources.

15 Claim 6’s requirements of splitting a geographic area into “sub geographic regions” and  
 16 “maintaining a list” of devices that reported locations in a sub region is directed to the goal of  
 17 conserving resources by generating narrower subsets of devices out of the whole.

18 Claim 7 adds to claim 6 a technique “to terminate a request for the location information of  
 19 remote units in the prescribed geographic boundary” when it is established that all sub regions  
 20 have been queried. This conserves resources by not prolonging the sending of location requests  
 21 and the subsequent processing of the reported locations in the specified geographic boundaries.

### 22 **3. The ’726 Patent Claims (Exemplary)**

23 Asserted Claim 1 of the ’726 patent is also directed to the efficient methods discussed  
 24 above. Claim 1’s requirement of a “geographic boundary that is prescribed within the coverage  
 25 area” is directed to the conservation of resources by focusing on a certain region. Claim 1 also  
 26 requires “means to determine and report to the system that, another mobile remote unit has  
 27 maintained relative proximity to the portable mobile remote **over a period of time while in**  
 28 **motion.**” This limitation is also directed to the ability to reduce processing and efficiently compute  
 correlations between device locations in order to determine that one is tracking another.

1 Asserted claim 8 of the '726 patent is also directed to the efficient methods discussed  
 2 above. Claim 8's requirements of **"means for a wireless consumer to specify and forward to**  
 3 **the network, geographic boundary information describing a region within a coverage area**  
 4 **of said network where a notification should be sent to one or more of said portable mobile**  
 5 **remote units within said region"** is directed to the conservation of resources by focusing on a  
 6 certain region so that notifications are not unnecessarily sent to a voluminous set of devices.

### 7 III. LEGAL STANDARDS

#### 8 A. Federal Rule of Procedure 12(b)(6)

9 When considering a Rule 12(b)(6) motion a court must "accept all well-pleaded factual  
 10 allegations contained in the complaint as true." *Starz Entm't, LLC v. MGM Domestic Television*  
 11 *Distribution, LLC*, 39 F.4th 1236, 1239 (9th Cir. 2022). The standard for a Rule 12(b)(6) motion  
 12 is essentially the same as that for a Rule 12(c) motion. *See Chavez v. United States*, 683 F.3d 1102,  
 13 1108 (9th Cir. 2012). "[A]ll reasonable inferences" must be made "in favor of the nonmoving  
 14 party." *Mediran v. International Ass'n of Machinists and Aerospace Workers*, 2011 WL 2746601,  
 15 at \*2 (N.D. Cal. July 14, 2011). "When considering a motion for judgment on the pleadings, this  
 16 court may consider facts that 'are contained in materials of which the court may take judicial  
 17 notice.'" *Heliotrope General, Inc. v. Ford Motor Co.*, 189 F.3d 971, 981 n.18 (9th Cir. 1999)  
 18 (citation omitted).

#### 19 B. Direct Infringement

20 "[A]n entity [is] responsible for others' performance of method steps in two sets of  
 21 circumstances: (1) where that entity directs or controls others' performance, and (2) where the  
 22 actors form a joint enterprise." *Cellspin Soft, Inc. v. Fitbit, Inc.*, et al, No. 4:17-CV-05928-YGR,  
 23 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 129030, at \*29-30 (N.D. Cal. June 7, 2022). Infringement under the former  
 24 exists "when an alleged infringer conditions participation in an activity or receipt of a benefit upon  
 25 performance of a step or steps of a patented method and establishes the manner or timing of that  
 26 performance." *Id.* "The Federal Circuit instructs courts to look for evidence that a third party  
 27 hoping to obtain access to certain benefits can only do so if it performs certain steps identified by  
 28 the defendant, and does so under the terms prescribed by the defendant." *Id.* Moreover, "the entity  
 does not have to have physical control over all elements of a system to use a system." *Ameranth*,

1 *Inc. v. Pizza Hut, Inc.*, 3:11-cv-1810, Doc. 416 at 7 (S.D. Cal. Aug. 15, 2011).

2 **C. Patent-Eligibility Under 35 U.S.C. § 101**

3 The Supreme Court has established a two-step framework for patent eligibility under 35  
 4 U.S.C. § 101. First, the court must “determine whether the claims at issue are directed to a patent-  
 5 ineligible concept.” *Alice Corp. Pty. Ltd. v. CLS Bank Int’l*, 573 U.S. 208, 134 S. Ct. 2347, 2355  
 6 (2014). The “directed to inquiry” is a “meaningful one” and “cannot simply ask whether the claims  
 7 involve a patent-ineligible concept, because essentially every routinely patent-eligible claim  
 8 involving physical products and actions involves a law of nature and/or natural phenomenon.”  
 9 *Enfish, LLC v. Microsoft Corp.*, 822 F.3d 1327, 1335 (2016). “Rather, the ‘directed to’ inquiry  
 10 applies a stage-one filter to claims, considered in light of the specification, based on whether ‘their  
 11 character as a whole is directed to excluded subject matter.’” *Id.*

12 Second, if the claims are directed to patent-ineligible subject matter, the Court must  
 13 “consider the elements of each claim both individually and ‘as an ordered combination’ to  
 14 determine whether the additional elements ‘transform the nature of the claim’ into a patent-eligible  
 15 application.” *Id.* The Supreme Court has described this as a “search for an ‘inventive concept’—  
 16 i.e., an element or combination of elements that is ‘sufficient to ensure that the patent in practice  
 17 amounts to significantly more than a patent upon the [ineligible concept] itself.’” *Id.*

18 When assessing patent protection under § 101, the claims of the patent “must be considered  
 19 as a whole.” *Diamond v. Diehr*, 450 U.S. 175, 188 (1981). “This is particularly true in a process  
 20 claim because a new combination of steps in a process may be patentable even though all the  
 21 constituents of the combination were well known and in common use before the combination was  
 22 made.” *Id.* When evaluating a motion to dismiss based on 35 U.S.C. § 101, whether claims embody  
 23 a patent-eligible application of an abstract idea is a question of law; however, whether the claims  
 24 at issue involve more than well-understood, routine, and conventional activities is a factual  
 25 question. *See Berkheimer v. HP Inc.*, 881 F.3d 1360, 1369 (Fed. Cir. 2018).

26 The presumption of validity afforded issued U.S. patents extends to patent-eligible subject  
 27 matter. *See Cellspin Soft, Inc. v. Fitbit Inc.*, 927 F.3d 1306, 1319 (Fed. Cir. 2019) (“This  
 28 presumption reflects the fact that the Patent and Trademark Office has already examined whether  
 the patent satisfies ‘the prerequisites for issuance of a patent,’ including § 101.”) (quoting

1 *Microsoft Corp. v. i4i Ltd. P'ship*, 564 U.S. 91, 95-96 (2011)). Generally, overcoming the  
 2 presumption of validity in a district court requires clear and convincing evidence. *Microsoft*, 564  
 3 U.S. at 95. In the context of § 101 eligibility, the Federal Circuit has held that the second part of  
 4 Alice's two-step inquiry should be assessed according to the clear and convincing evidence  
 5 standard. *Berkheimer*, 881 F.3d 1360, 1368 (Fed. Cir. 2018).

#### 6 IV. DISCUSSION

##### 7 A. Enovsys Plausibly Alleges Direct Infringement By Lyft

8 Enovsys' direct infringement allegations against Lyft plausibly detail how  
 9 instrumentalities controlled by Lyft meet the claim limitations. Lyft's arguments to the contrary  
 10 are erroneous. For example, Lyft critiques the factual allegations of claim 1 of the '726 patent  
 11 because they purportedly allege actions by parties other than Lyft. (Mot. at 7-8.) Lyft argues that  
 12 the Lyft Platform, Customer App, Driver App, and Lyft Mobile Network are accused of meeting  
 13 different limitations. But all of these instrumentalities are alleged to be controlled by and/or  
 14 provided by Lyft *vis à vis* the claim limitations.

15 Paragraphs 18 through 52 of the Complaint state general allegations about Lyft that are  
 16 incorporated by reference in each of the counts in the Complaint. For example, Enovsys alleges  
 17 that Lyft has infringed by "making, using, offering for sale, and/or selling within the United States  
 18 *certain products and services* which embody, or in combination embody, one or more claims of  
 19 the patents-in-suit." (Complaint ¶18 (emphasis added).) In ¶ 19,<sup>7</sup> Enovsys further alleges that the  
 20 "products and services" include "ride services provided via the Lyft Mobile Network, including  
 21 servers at the Lyft Platform wirelessly connected to Lyft's Driver Applications and Lyft Customer  
 22 mobile device applications on iOS, Android, and Microsoft operating systems (respectively,  
 23 "Driver App" and "Customer App"), as well as the various Lyft ride service, ride-sharing, car-  
 24 pooling, and delivery services provided therethrough (collectively, the 'Accused Products and  
 25 Services')." In ¶ 21, Enovsys further alleges that Lyft "requires drivers providing services through  
 26 Lyft to use the Driver App provided by Lyft to access the Lyft Mobile Network."

27 Contrary to Lyft's assertions, no third party is required to meet the claimed limitations. The  
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<sup>7</sup> All paragraphs reference herein are to the Complaint (Dkt. 1), unless otherwise noted.

Complaint alleges that the “portable mobile remote unit” limitation of claim 1 is met by, for example, “Driver Apps and Customer Apps ... installed on smartphones or mobile devices.” Paragraph 126 of the Complaint alleges that the “network of communication units” is formed by communication units in the Lyft Platform that send data to and receive data from the Driver App and Customer App that are “programmed to enable wireless communication with the Lyft Platform via the portable remote devices (e.g., smartphones).” The Lyft Platform “request[s] ... the location information of portable mobile remote units” (¶¶ 130-31) and “location information of the portable mobile remote unit” is provided by Driver Apps and Customer Apps controlling the smartphones (¶¶ 132-36). The Lyft Platform also determines whether “another portable mobile remote unit has maintained relative proximity to the portable mobile remote over a period of time while in motion.” (¶¶ 137-41.) In response to the statement that the Lyft Mobile Network is “directed to wireless communication networks not operated by Lyft” (Mot. at 8), the Complaint alleges that the Lyft Mobile Network includes “servers at the Lyft Platform wirelessly connected to Lyft’s Driver Applications and Lyft Customer mobile device applications.” (¶ 19.) Thus, the allegations concerning the Lyft Mobile Network are directed to components provided by Lyft that enable a communication path to and from the Lyft Platform by operations programmed by Lyft. *See SiRF Tech., Inc. v. International Trade Commission*, 601 F.3d 1319, 1329-31 (Fed. Cir. 2010). Even if some actions are deemed to be done by the driver or rider, the allegations that Lyft requires them to use the Driver or Ride App allows for the reasonable inference that they perform these actions as a condition of receiving the benefit of using the rideshare platform. *See Travel Sentry, Inc. v. Tropp*, 877 F.3d 1370, 1376, 1378 (Fed. Cir. 2017).

All of these are direct allegations that, or form the basis for a reasonable inference that, Lyft provided these products or services, controlled the servers and other components of the Lyft Platform, provided the Driver App and Customer App that Lyft programmed to communicate with the Lyft Platform, and required use of its applications as a condition for receiving the benefit of engaging with its system.

Lyft’s critique of the allegations regarding method claim 12 of the ’726 patent is similarly flawed. Lyft’s argument that there is no single actor performing the infringing steps ignores the allegations that the Customer App and Driver App’s use was required by Lyft as a condition of



1 receiving the benefits of its system, and that they were programmed by and provided by Lyft.<sup>8</sup>  
 2 The Complaint alleges that only Lyft-provided and Lyft-required components carried out the  
 3 infringement steps.

4 The Complaint sufficiently notifies Lyft that it directly infringes the patents-in-suit because  
 5 any steps taken by the customer or driver that are a prerequisite to infringement are required by  
 6 Lyft in order for the driver or customer to obtain the benefit of Lyft's service, either as a driver or  
 7 customer. As alleged, Lyft requires its drivers to use its Driver Application in order to provide  
 8 their services to Lyft. Likewise, as alleged, Lyft requires its customers to use its Customer  
 9 Application in order to receive Lyft services. Thus, Enovsys has adequately and plausibly alleged  
 10 direct infringement by Lyft and Lyft's request for dismissal on the ground should be denied.

#### 11 **B. Enovsys' Complaint Plausibly Alleges Infringement By Lyft**

12 Lyft's argument that Enovsys' Complaint contains only a repetition of claim language and  
 13 conclusory allegations is meritless. For every limitation of each asserted claim, the Complaint  
 14 identifies the relevant claim language, then follows it with specific exemplary factual allegations  
 15 of how the language is met by Lyft using specific examples from the Driver App, Customer App  
 16 and the Lyft Platform. Lyft's suggestion that similar allegations cannot be made against similarly  
 17 situated defendants, and that this undermines the plausibility of the Complaint, is likewise not well  
 18 taken. Both Lyft and Uber provide ridesharing platforms accessed through custom programmed  
 19 applications they provide to be installed on mobile devices that leverage location-based services  
 20 to communicate with their respective platforms. It should not be surprising that they infringe in  
 21 similar ways.

22 Lyft's statement that the Complaint's "infringement allegations rest on attorney argument  
 23 without any actual evidence supporting its claims" (Mot. at 9) and that "Enovsys could have easily  
 24 reviewed Lyft's publicly available apps accused of infringement and the ample documentation  
 25 about Lyft's products before filing its Complaint" (Mot. at 2) reflects a misapprehension of what  
 26 is required at the pleading stage. The Complaint is not an Initial Disclosure under Rule 26, nor is

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27 <sup>8</sup> Lyft does not seem to dispute the Lyft Platform is alleged to be controlled by Lyft, but to the  
 28 extent that this is disputed, see the discussion above concerning the allegations in ¶¶ 18-52.



1 it a Disclosure of Asserted Claims and Infringement Contentions under the Patent Local Rules of  
2 this District. So, while Enovsys did review Lyft’s publicly available information prior to filing  
3 the Complaint, the citation to that information is not required at this stage. *See AlterG, Inc. v.*  
4 *Boost Treadmills LLC*, No. 18-cv-07568-EMC, 2019 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 151688, at \*10-11 (N.D.  
5 Cal. Sep 05, 2019) (“Defendants are incorrect to assert that infringement allegations must meet the  
6 standard of specificity applied to infringement contentions under this district’s Patent Local Rules  
7 simply because the complaint references a claim chart that conforms to Patent Local Rule 3-1(c).”).

8 Addressing Lyft’s specific points, the Complaint contains factual allegations concerning  
9 the requirement of claim 1 of the ’752 patent that there is a “determination that the remote unit  
10 maintained close proximity to the mobile consumer over the period of time of (i).” The antecedent  
11 basis for the “period of time” in element iv) of claim 1 is in element i), which recites “obtaining  
12 the location of the wireless consumer at intervals over a period of time.” (¶ 60.) The Complaint  
13 alleges that this limitation is met because “the Lyft Platform periodically obtains from the  
14 Customer App its GPS location coordinates when the Customer App is active, such as when the  
15 rider has opened the Customer App and is planning a ride or has made a ride request.” (¶ 61.) The  
16 Complaint further alleges that “the match and location systems of the Lyft Platform identify a list  
17 of the online Driver Apps within the S2 geospatial cell of the active Customer App that have  
18 reported their location since the time the Customer App made the service request.” (¶ 65.) As  
19 such, the Complaint directly alleges, or plausibly infers, that the period of time in element iv)  
20 includes at least the time from when a ride request is made to when a potential driver match is  
21 being identified. Furthermore, the allegation that the Lyft Platform requests GPS coordinates from  
22 “Driver Apps located within the S2 geospatial cell of the active Customer App” (¶ 63) directly  
23 alleges, or allows a plausible inference, that “maintained close proximity” is satisfied when a  
24 device remains within the relevant S2 geospatial cell.

25 Regarding claim 6, the Complaint also alleges that “[t]he geographic boundary of the circle  
26 created and received by the match system is, of course, wider than the GPS coordinates of the  
27 Customer App” (¶ 89), which is stated in support of the limitation of “receiving at the network a  
28 wider than normal prescribed geographic boundary” (¶ 87). Thus, the Complaint directly alleges,  
or allows a plausible inference, that the GPS coordinates of the Customer App define a normal

1 area and search area for the match system is wider than normal. What Lyft is implicitly arguing  
 2 is that the factual allegations do not meet the claim limitation of “wider than normal” under some  
 3 undisclosed construction of that term. Assuming, *arguendo*, that this term requires construction  
 4 and Lyft is urging dismissal on this basis, it demonstrates that this ground for Lyft’s motion is  
 5 premature.

6 Lastly, the Complaint alleges what meets the limitation of “obtaining from the network  
 7 geographic information describing the geographic boundary” in claim 3 of the ’752 patent. Lyft  
 8 claims that it does not know what the network is. But, as noted above, there are predicate factual  
 9 allegations common to all of the counts in the Complaint, including the allegation that the Lyft  
 10 Mobile Network includes S2 servers at the Lyft Platform that communicate with Driver and  
 11 Customer Apps. (¶¶ 19, 24.) When one component in a network, *e.g.*, a Driver App, receives  
 12 information from another component in a network, *e.g.*, a server in the Lyft Platform, the first  
 13 component has obtained that information “from the network,” which is what ¶ 71 alleges.

14 The factual allegations in the Complaint far exceed the requirements of *Iqbal/Twombly*,  
 15 and thus the Motion should be denied on this ground. To the extent it is determined that any part  
 16 of the current allegations are deficient, such deficiencies can be remedied in an amended pleading.

### 17 **C. The Asserted Claims Are Not Abstract**

18 Under step one of *Alice*, courts “focus on a specific means or method that improves the  
 19 relevant technology or are instead directed to a result or effect that itself is the abstract idea and  
 20 merely invoke generic processes and machinery.” *McRO, Inc. v. Bandai Namco Games Am., Inc.*,  
 21 837 F.3d 1299, 1314 (Fed. Cir. 2016). “If the claims are in fact directed to a “technological  
 22 improvement over the existing... techniques,” then the claims pass at step one. *Id.* at 1316. Such  
 23 is the case here. As their own language shows, and the common specification describes, the  
 24 asserted claims of all patents are grounded in new telecommunication architectures and devices  
 25 and are directed to improving those technological architectures by employing devices that allow  
 26 for and fulfill tracking and proximity determinations and to make these determinations in specific  
 27 ways. Moreover, the claims perform various acts, including communicating with mobile devices  
 28 that are identified in the proximity and tracking determinations. These devices provide additional  
 functionality, safety, prevent network overload and promote efficiency and reduced power

consumption. Technical improvement to safety and efficiency can be a basis on which to find that patents are not abstract under step one of *Alice*. See *EcoServices, LLC v. Certified Aviation Serv., LLC*, 830 F. App'x 634, 642-43 (Fed. Cir. 2020) (citing a patent's description of "a higher degree of safety" and "cost efficien[cy]" as advantages that provided a non-abstract technical improvement).

### **1. The '752 Patent Claims Pass Step One**

As discussed above, the claims of the '752 patent all contain limitations directed to at least one of: 1) conserving resources by focusing on a certain region, 2) enabling tracking by identifying devices that maintained proximity over repeated intervals, 3) conserving resources by using exclusion regions, 4) conserving resources by generating lists of relevant devices that narrows the number of devices of interest, and 5) not unnecessarily continuing to send requests when all regions have been queried. These are concrete improvements to the functionality of a network of location enabled devices that meet the objective of the specification for improved location enabled wireless telecommunication systems that provide safety, proximity, or tracking determinations while preventing network overloading and inefficiency in power consumption.

### **2. The '918 Patent Claims Pass Step One**

As discussed above, the claims of the '918 patent all contain limitations directed to at least one of: 1) computing correlations between device locations in order to determine that one is tracking another, 2) conserving resources by focusing on a certain region, 3) evaluating additional parameters to reduce system overload by only retrieving data in defined circumstances, 4) conserving resources by preventing the unnecessary reporting by devices, and 5) conserving resources by querying smaller regions first, then expanding them. These are concrete improvements to the functionality of a network of location enabled devices that meet the objective of the specification for improved location enabled wireless telecommunication systems that provide safety, proximity, or tracking determinations while preventing network overloading and inefficiency in power consumption.

### **3. The '726 Patent Claims Pass Step One**

As discussed above, the claims of the '726 patent all contain limitations directed to at least

one of: 1) computing correlations between device locations in order to determine that one is tracking another, and 2) conserving resources by focusing on a certain region. These are concrete improvements to the functionality of a network of location enabled devices that meet the objective of the specification for improved location enabled wireless telecommunication systems that provide safety, proximity, or tracking determinations while preventing network overloading and inefficiency in power consumption.

**D. Lyft's Step One Arguments and Analogies Incorrectly Describe The Asserted Claims And Do Not Follow The Law**

**1. The Analysis That Claim 15 Is Abstract Is Flawed**

Lyft asserts claim 15 (and every other claim) is abstract but does not identify non-technological equivalents to the actual requirements or longstanding human activity that these inventions merely attempt to mirror or replicate though wireless communication network components and algorithms. Not one of the asserted claims can be performed without the host of communication devices and other network elements recited by the claims, and it is contrary to the law of *Alice* to first strip those devices and other network elements from the claims before assessing their supposed abstractness.

Lyft nonetheless does just that by asserting that the claims of the patents-in-suit are “much like the timeworn, real-world scenario of a detective watching to see if someone is being followed in a neighborhood or precinct” and that the “solution to the patent’s stated problem of figuring out if someone is being followed is no more complex than a detective staking out an area to verify if a witness is being followed and reporting on what he sees.” (Mot. at 3.) Although the “directed to” inquiry is a “stage-one filter,” the Federal Circuit has cautioned against “describing the claims at such a high level of abstraction and untethered from the language of the claims” such that it “all but ensures that the exceptions to § 101 swallow the rule.” *Enfish*, 822 F.3d at 1337. After all, any generalized view of a claim would, “if carried to its extreme, make all inventions unpatentable because all inventions can be reduced to underlying principles of nature which, once known, make their implementation obvious.” *Diamond v. Diehr*, 450 U.S. 175, 189 n.12 (1981). As such, the Federal Circuit “sometimes incorporates claim limitations into its articulation of the idea to which a claim is directed.” *BASCOM*, 827 F.3d at 1349.

1 Applying these principles here, Lyft's characterization of the claims sweeps too broadly.  
2 The asserted claims are directed specific methods and systems of evaluating selective parameters  
3 to improve tracking and proximity determinations in wireless networks. Claims are patent eligible  
4 when they claim a different process for accomplishing something a human could perform and not  
5 merely a computerization of an age-old process. Even if Lyft's fabled detective was using pen and  
6 paper to record observations of who is nearby a person, that completely differs from the claimed  
7 methods and systems for making tracking and proximity determinations within a geographic  
8 boundary of a telecommunication network. Lyft's analogy makes no sense because detectives do  
9 not routinely or conventionally have every possible suspect report their location to the detective at  
10 regular intervals to determine whether the suspect is following the client, so the problem does not  
11 even arise as to how to process such location data effectively much less in the specific ways  
12 claimed. Detectives do not conventionally or routinely have individuals selectively report their  
13 location only if they are within a specified geographic boundary or have travelled a minimum  
14 distance or have exceeded a certain velocity. Detectives do not face the problems of wireless  
15 networks who may be having portable remote units making tracking requests from potentially  
16 anywhere in the globe within the network's coverage area, nor do they address the problem of  
17 network overload from units reporting their locations at regular intervals. It is also unclear how  
18 the detective in Lyft's purported example of routine, conventional human activity can be used to  
19 practice the claimed inventions. Human brains do not transmit or receive RF signals, they do not  
20 have the ability to electronically submit a signal to request the location of a unit at intervals for a  
21 period of time, or to resolve whether a mobile device is within a specific geographic boundary, or  
22 to measure the velocity or distance travelled of a mobile device or to even for that matter time that  
23 the mobile device has been reporting a location. Not one of the asserted claims can be performed  
24 without the host of communication devices and other network elements recited by the claims, and  
25 it is contrary to the law of *Alice* to first strip those devices and other network elements from the  
26 claims before assessing their supposed abstractness. *See McRO*, 837 F.3d at 1313.

27 Lyft tellingly does not make any actual pre-emption argument, but it bears noting that the  
28 claims do not cover every system or method of tracking of two devices in a wireless network  
relative to each other but specific ones, including using various parameters to reduce the number

1 of units that have their locations considered in making the tracking or proximity determinations.  
2 Thus, the “character as a whole” of the claims is not directed to making tracking or proximity  
3 determinations generally (although Lyft cannot state that this was any conventional or routine  
4 activity, including particularly in a wireless network), but specific ways to make such  
5 determinations. As such, they do not preempt the field of location-based services in wireless  
6 networks or even device tracking generally in wireless networks but rather are tethered to a specific  
7 and concrete way of identifying wireless units in close proximity to particular unit in the wireless  
8 network. The claims provide a useful solution to problems that would arise in wireless networks  
9 making proximity or tracking determinations without these claimed systems/steps.

10 Lyft argues that the asserted claims are invalid because the purported “focus” of the claims,  
11 “(1) collecting location information, (2) analyzing it, and (3) presenting results,” is abstract. (Mot.  
12 at 13.) Lyft asserts that *Electric Power Group* stands for the proposition that the Court need only  
13 focus on dominant concepts. (*Id.*) But the claims in *Electric Power Group* were not directed to  
14 any specific techniques for improving the performance of a network in performing specific tasks,  
15 as are the claims here. There, the claims were squarely directed only to monitoring and displaying  
16 electrical grid parameters from multiple sources in real-time to detect events. *See Elec. Power*  
17 *Group*, 830 F.3d at 1351-52. The Federal Circuit found those claims merely “defin[ed] a desirable  
18 information-based result and [were] not limited to inventive means of achieving the result.” *Id.*,  
19 1351. In contrasting the *Electric Power Group* claims to the claims in *DDR Holdings* and  
20 *BASCOM*, the Federal Circuit observed that the claims at issue there “do not require an arguable  
21 inventive device or technique” or “arguably inventive distribution of functionality within a  
22 network” such as “the installation of a filtering tool at a specific location...” *Id.*, 1355-56. The  
23 Federal Circuit therefore cited with approval the distinction between “patenting a particular  
24 concrete solution to a problem and attempting to patent the abstract idea of a solution to the  
25 problem in general” and agreed that the claims there did not come up with “some particular  
26 implementation” as do the claims of the patents-in-suit, but rather purported to “monopolize every  
27 possible solution to the problem.” *Id.*, 1356.

28 Lyft also asserts that the asserted claims here “are very similar to those invalidated a year  
ago in [*Weisner*] and [*Zillow*],” which Lyft characterizes as “binding” precedent though they

1 involve different patents and claims. (Mot. at 14.) *See, Weisner v. Google LLC*, 51 F.4th 1073  
 2 (Fed. Cir. 2022) and *Int’l Bus. Machines Corp. v. Zillow Grp., Inc.*, 50 F.4th 1371 (Fed. Cir. 2022).  
 3 Lyft ignores that the claims in two other asserted patents in *Weisner* were found to be eligible. The  
 4 court further found that “using location histories in computerized searching [w]as a distinct  
 5 concept from mere accumulation of location histories” and the claimed recited “a specific  
 6 implementation of the abstract idea that purports to solve a problem unique to the internet and that,  
 7 accordingly, these claims should not have been held ineligible under step two at this stage.”  
 8 *Weisner*, 51 F.4th at 1085.

9 Lyft asserts *Zillow* is analogous because, “[t]here, just like here, a bounded area of the map  
 10 was one of the critical limitations, but that added nothing patentable.” (Mot. at 14.) But the *Zillow*  
 11 claims were in fact vastly different. Those claims were “directed to the abstract idea of responding  
 12 to a user’s section of a portion of a displayed map by simultaneously updating the map and a co-  
 13 displayed list of items on the map.” *Zillow*, 50 F.4th at 1377. The claims involve more than  
 14 display of information in which the amount of information displayed to the user is computer  
 15 updated based upon the user’s selection. Rather, the claims are directed to specific methods and  
 16 systems to improve making proximity and tracking determinations by applying various filtering to  
 17 reduce the amount of data that needs to be processed to make such determinations. Some claims  
 18 apply geofencing, including geographic boundaries, exclusion zones, and minimum velocity and  
 19 distance parameters as filters to reduce the data set and alleviate overloading.

20 Similarly, *Linquet* does not stand for the proposition that any claim that involves position  
 21 or location tracking is somehow patent ineligible. Like in *Weisner*, the *Linquet* claims “[were] not  
 22 directed to any specific improvement of community-powered tracking, but rather to providing a  
 23 community powered tracking solution in the first instance.” *Linquet Techs., Inc. v. Tile, Inc.*, 559  
 24 F. Supp. 3d 1101, 1109 (N.D. Cal. 2021). The district court contrasted the *Linquet* claims with  
 25 those in *Amdocs*, which were “non-abstract because they allowed the system to efficiently and  
 26 accurately collect network usage information in a manner designed for efficiency to minimize  
 27 impact on network and system resources thereby enabling load distribution.” *Id.* (citing *Amdocs*  
 28 *(Isr.) Ltd. v. Openet Telecom, Inc.*, 841 F.3d 1288, 1303 (Fed. Cir. 2016). Here, the claims are  
 similarly not abstract because they are directed to various specific and concrete systems and steps



1 for improving making tracking and proximity determinations in wireless networks. As such, the  
 2 claims are more like those in *DDR Holdings*, *BASCOM*, and *Amdocs* than they like those in  
 3 *Electric Power Ground*, *Weisner*, *Zillow*, or *Linquet*.

4 Lyft also asserts other cases which it argues included “similar claims” that were found to  
 5 be abstract. (Mot. at 15.) Lyft provides no analysis of those cases whatsoever in comparison to the  
 6 Asserted Claims and does not even attempt to show how the holdings in those cases apply here.

7 The ultimate absurdity of Lyft’s argument is that, whatever the claims actually require,  
 8 Lyft characterizes them as simply “collecting,” “analyzing” and “presenting” information. But the  
 9 law does not support this level of abstraction, in which the exception would swallow the rule and  
 10 apply to every patent involving any data processing whatsoever. A fair characterization of what  
 11 the disparate claims of the patents-in-suit, when each is correctly viewed in whole, are directed to  
 12 would be a “method or systems of improving how tracking and proximity determinations for  
 13 portable remote units are made in wireless networks by using geographic boundaries, minimum  
 14 distances travelled and/or minimum velocities, exclusion regions, etc., as filters for which units’  
 15 locations are eligible in making the proximity and tracking determinations.” The oversimplified  
 16 analogy proposed by Lyft is an invalid starting point for an *Alice* analysis. *McRO*, 837 F.3d at  
 17 1313 (cautioning against oversimplifying claims); *see also Enfish*, 822 F.3d at 1337-38 (noting  
 18 that, at step one, courts should not “oversimplif[y]” an invention’s key inventive concepts or  
 19 “downplay[]” its benefits”).

## 20 **2. Lyft Incorrectly Ignores Limitations Of Other Asserted Claims**

21 Lyft further argues that the other asserted claims besides claim 15 of the ’918 patent are all  
 22 abstract, and do not change the step one outcome. For example, Lyft focuses on claim 1 of the  
 23 ’918 patent and ignores its dependent claim 2, and does not consider claim 4 of the ’752 patent.  
 24 These claims all are directed to specific techniques for operating on boundary information,  
 25 including using conditioning actions on whether location reporting is prohibited in an exclusion  
 26 region. While Lyft similarly argues that determining if a location is inside or outside of a boundary  
 27 has been done for years, this argument again ignores the claims language to the point of absurdity  
 28 because these claims do not merely claim determining whether something is within a boundary or  
 not but rather using predetermined specific boundaries to limit the locations of portable remote



1 units in wireless networks used in determining their eligibility in being included in proximity and  
2 tracking determinations to reduce processing in communication networks. Lyft cites no support  
3 for the proposition that actual claimed systems and methods to make the proximity or tracking  
4 determinations more efficient was conventional or routine. Nor can Lyft support its bizarre  
5 proposition that “applying rules” is abstract. (Mot. at 17.) Any method that claims specific steps  
6 can be characterized as “applying rules” and certainly the claims here have no relationship to the  
7 claims in *Electric Power Group*, which merely received and processed for display various  
8 measured parameters in an electrical grid, as already discussed *supra*.

9 Lyft also argues that “determining if an object is being tracked is abstract.” As discussed  
10 in detail above, describing the patents-in-suit as being generically directed to determining if  
11 something is being tracked is an unduly narrow characterization of the patents-in-suit. It is  
12 discussed above that *Linet* does not stand for the proposition that the process of tracking is *per*  
13 *se* abstract, and that the claims involved in *Linet* and *Wireless Discovery* are distinguishable.  
14 Lyft, in effect, contends that techniques that augment communication networks with the improved  
15 functionality cannot supply an inventive concept because it was known in the art that “humans  
16 have long collected, analyzed, and reported location information in myriad circumstances,  
17 including for tracking user location ... .” (Mot. at 20.) This argument ignores the character of the  
18 claims as a whole why claim systems and methods as an ordered combination that provide  
19 proximity or tracking determinations in a way that conserves resources.

20 Lyft’s detective analogies only serve to highlight the non-conventionality in the Asserted  
21 Claims because a detective observes their subject and whether another individual is following  
22 them. Detectives do not routinely or conventionally have every possible suspect in a geographic  
23 area report their location to the detective at regular intervals to determine whether the suspect is  
24 following the client, so the problem does not even arise as to how to process such location data  
25 effectively much less in the specific ways claimed. Detectives do not conventionally or routinely  
26 have individuals selectively report their location only if they are within a specified geographic  
27 boundary or have travelled a minimum distance or have exceeded a certain velocity. Detectives  
28 do not face the problems of wireless networks who may be having portable remote units making  
tracking requests from potentially anywhere in the globe within the network’s coverage area, nor

1 do they address the problem of network overload from units reporting their locations at regular  
2 intervals.

3 Lyft’s oversimplification of the focus of the asserted claims disregards the limitations of  
4 the claims that require much more than merely “watching someone to see where they go, figuring  
5 out if anyone is in the vicinity nearby or is following them, and then reporting it” as they contend.  
6 (Mot. at 13.) The specific limitations in the claims are important aspects of the claimed  
7 improvement to the technique for providing proximity or tracking determinations to wireless  
8 network participants that require the units to routinely report their locations in intervals and to  
9 apply geographical boundary or other filters to first determine who is eligible for being included  
10 in making such determinations only for units reporting their locations within a specified  
11 geographic boundary or other criteria. Accordingly, like the claims in *DDR Holdings*, the claims  
12 at issue here “do not broadly and generically claim” location tracking or even merely making  
13 proximity or tracking determinations but rather “specify how interactions with the [wireless  
14 networks] are manipulated to yield a desired result. . .” *Id.* at 1258.

15 The Asserted Claims pass step one.

#### 16 **E. The Claims Pass Step Two**

17 At step two, courts “consider whether the claims contain an ‘inventive concept’ sufficient  
18 to ‘transform the nature of the claim into a patent-eligible application.’” *McRO*, 837 F.3d at 1312  
19 (quoting *Alice*, 134 S. Ct. at 2355)). Lyft failed to acknowledge any difference in step one between  
20 the asserted method claims and those that recite systems and devices and fails to do so in step two.  
21 A claim does recite an inventive concept if it includes technical steps or elements that “go beyond  
22 ‘well-understood, routine, conventional activity.’” *BASCOM*, 827 F.3d at 1348 (quoting *Alice*,  
23 134 S. Ct. at 2359).

24 For example, in *BASCOM* the claims set forth an inventive concept by reciting a  
25 “nonconventional and non-generic arrangement of known, conventional pieces” to achieve a  
26 “technical improvement over prior art ways of” filtering content on the Internet that “improve[d]  
27 an existing technological process.” *Id.* And in *DDR*, the claims “recite[d] an invention that is not  
28 merely the routine or conventional use of the Internet” and was “rooted in computer technology in  
order to overcome a problem specifically arising in the realm of computer networks.” *DDR*

1 *Holdings*, 773 F.3d at 1257, 1259.

2 Thus, even if invention of the claims of the patents-in-suit were found to be directed to an  
3 abstract idea, they would still be patent eligible because those claims contain limitations providing  
4 for improved techniques for improving safety by making efficient proximity or tracking  
5 determinations sufficient to transform the nature of the asserted claims into a patent-eligible  
6 application of the concept of providing proximity or tracking determinations. As in *DDR Holdings*,  
7 the asserted claims in this case overcome a problem specifically arising in the realm of wireless  
8 networks by claiming specific techniques in making proximity or tracking determinations. In  
9 *McRO*, the Federal Circuit determined that the “claimed process[es] us[ing] a combined order of  
10 specific rules” that improved on existing technological processes were deemed patent-eligible.  
11 *McRO*, 837 F.3d at 1315.

12 The asserted claims of the patents-in-suit do not merely recite the performance of some  
13 business practice known from the pre-computer world or merely add the performance of the  
14 practice using a computer. The asserted claims patent specific narrowing techniques useful to  
15 wireless networks that provide its users with proximity or tracking determinations that are efficient  
16 and keep them safe. These narrowing techniques are very much like the narrowing technique  
17 taught by the patent in *Fitbit v. Aliphcom*, 233 F. Supp. 3d 799, 813 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 9, 2017) in  
18 which this Court found “narrow[ing] the field of possible portable devices to pair by [a server]  
19 sending the client the list of devices that are ‘eligible’” supplied an inventive concept under *Alice*  
20 step 2.

21 Each asserted claim recites elements and limitations that were not routine or conventional  
22 at the time of the invention. Telecommunication networks that even allowed a third-party request  
23 for the physical location of a mobile device were not available much less routine in 2000. And  
24 certainly Lyft does not and cannot show that any of the following claimed features were routine  
25 and conventional within the industry of mobile communication networks at the time of the  
26 invention: (a) fulfilling requests from a third-party source for the location of portable mobile  
27 devices in a prescribed geographic boundary; (b) having all mobile remote units within a specified  
28 boundary disclose their location to the network at intervals; (c) using exclusion regions from the  
network for which the location of a portable mobile remote unit should not be considered; (d)

1 responding to request for locations within a specified boundary by splitting the geographic  
2 boundary into sub-regions before recursively initiating request for the location of portable mobile  
3 devices within each sub-region until a portable mobile device based upon geographic locations,  
4 (e) creating lists or inventories of candidates for proximity and tracking determinations using  
5 geographic boundary, distance, time and velocity criteria; (f) making any proximity or tracking  
6 determinations whatsoever; (g) having mobile devices disclose their locations only when within a  
7 prescribed geographic boundaries provided by the network; (h) making tracking or proximity  
8 determinations whereby the location of the portable remote unit is only disclosed if it is within a  
9 prescribed geographic boundary provided by the system; (i) obtaining the location of a first and  
10 second portable mobile remote device within the network at regular intervals and reporting to a  
11 requestor whether the first mobile device in a specified geographic region is maintaining relative  
12 proximity to the second mobile device for a time period or given distance; (j) determining that a  
13 first portable device has maintained proximity, while in motion for a time, to a second mobile  
14 device when both devices are providing their location to the network during that period of time;  
15 (k) allowing for a wireless consumer to specify a geographic boundary within the  
16 telecommunication network where the position of a portable device that is also able to establish its  
17 geographic position with the network should be reported; (l) identifying whether a mobile device  
18 in a communication network was actually in the geographic region where a notification was  
19 intended to be received; and (m) having a mobile device respond to a notification within a  
20 telecommunication network only if it exists within a geographic boundary prescribed by the  
21 network for the notification. Notably, many of these features are not aspects of the purportedly  
22 “representative” claim 15 of the ’918 patent.

23 Lyft does not show that the actual claim requirements in providing specific proximity or  
24 tracking determinations in wireless networks are mere conventional techniques. These limitations  
25 providing for improved techniques of making proximity or tracking determinations in their specific  
26 manner are sufficient to transform the nature of the asserted claims into a patent-eligible  
27 application of the concept of making proximity or tracking determinations at all. And Lyft does  
28 not even attempt to assert that *even making* any proximity or tracking determinations was  
conventional or routine in wireless networks. Tellingly, Lyft does not point to any example of a

1 common or routine practice which the claimed invention purported to merely automate. Instead,  
 2 they only argue that splitting geographic boundaries into sub-boundaries and determining whether  
 3 something was inside or outside of a geographic boundary could be done by hand. The only  
 4 routine, conventional human activity Lyft can point to is via their inapt detective analogies.

5 Moreover, the asserted claims are not directed to any means whatsoever of providing  
 6 tracking or proximity determinations. Like the claims in *DDR Holdings*, the claims at issue here  
 7 “do not broadly and generically claim” location tracking or even merely making proximity or  
 8 tracking determinations but rather “specify how interactions with the [wireless networks] are  
 9 manipulated to yield a desired result ... .” *DDR Holdings*, 773 F.3d at 1258. Rather, the Asserted  
 10 Claims present the ordered combination of their specific elements to address: safety, reliability,  
 11 reduction in network overloading, storage and processing in wireless communication networks  
 12 that offer location tracking capability.

13 Enovsys has pleaded that the patents were validly issued, and Lyft has failed to show by  
 14 clear and convincing evidence that the patents-in-suit claim are patent ineligible, insignificant,  
 15 routine, and conventional activity. Any purported deficiency in the complaint’s allegations as to  
 16 eligibility can be addressed, and should be allowed, in an amended complaint that incorporates  
 17 factual allegations made herein. *See, e.g., Aatrix Software, Inc. v. Green Shades Software, Inc.*,  
 18 882 F.3d 1121, 1127 (Fed. Cir. 2018)) (reversing a district court that dismissed claims after the  
 19 plaintiff requested leave to amend its complaint, which “supplie[d] numerous allegations related  
 20 to the inventive concepts present in the claimed form file technology.”)

#### 21 **F. Lyft’s Motion to Dismiss Is Ill-Timed Because Claim Construction and A** 22 **Fulsome Record Is Needed**

23 Several claims contain “means plus function” elements that must be construed according  
 24 to 35 U.S.C. § 112(f). “Once a court establishes that a means-plus-function limitation is at issue,  
 25 it must identify and construe that limitation.” *Lockheed Martin Corp. v. Space Sys./Loral, Inc.*,  
 26 324 F.3d 1308, 1319 (Fed. Cir. 2003). Claim construction is inappropriate at the pleading stage.  
 27 *See Deston Therapeutics LLC v. Trigen Labs Inc.*, 723 F. Supp. 2d 665, 670 (D. Del. 2010) (“While  
 28 it is true that claim construction is a matter of law to be determined by the Court, the process for  
 properly construing a patent claim is unsuited for a motion to dismiss.”) This case, like others, will

involve opposing expert testimony on claim construction of these elements and others that must be considered in light of a full record. The asserted systems claims recite various and disparate means plus function components, and the construction of these system components will clearly factor in any step two analysis. Furthermore, “[l]ike other provisions of the “state of the art that provides the objective baseline for the analysis. Section 101 [analysis] should be no exception.” *Ameritox, Ltd. v. Millenium Health, LLC*, 2015 WL 728501 at \*25 (W.D. Wis. Feb. 19, 2015). Lyft has offered no evidence (and cannot at this stage) as to the state of the art at the time of invention, nor sought to show that the unique, unconventional wireless network implementation of the patents-in-suit were somehow “purely conventional” as in *Alice*. Whether the claims at issue involve more than well-understood, routine, and conventional activities is a factual question. *See Berkheimer*, 881 F.3d at 1369. Thus, there are many issues relating to claim construction, expert testimony, and the understanding of one of ordinary skill in the art that cannot be resolved at this stage. Unsurprisingly, Lyft fails to analyze a single case in which any court granted a Rule 12(b)(6) motion invalidating means-plus-function claims, like those in each of the patents-in-suit, which are governed by § 112(f). The Federal Circuit admonishes that invalidating any patent prior to claim construction is the exception rather than the rule. *Bancorp Servs., L.L.C. v. Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada*, 687 F.3d 1266, 1274-75 (“[I]t will ordinarily be desirable—and often necessary—to resolve claim construction disputes prior to a § 101 analysis...”).

## V. CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, the claims of the patents-in-suit are directed at the patent-eligible concept of improving how proximity and tracking determinations are made in wireless network to solve problems specific to wireless network, including safety issues. Accordingly, the Court should deny the Defendant’s motion and hold that the Complaint included sufficient direct infringement allegations against Lyft and the asserted claims are directed at patent-eligible subject matter in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 101. Alternatively, Enovsys requests leave to file an amended pleading addressing any perceived shortcomings in the allegations regarding direct infringement and eligibility, as discussed *supra*.

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